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- Up to October 1949, the Military Technical Institute (VTU) had not decided on the type of new Czech tank to be produced in Czechoslovakia, although it had made studies on various models of tanks. No new type of Czech tank is now being produced in Czechoslovakia, and it is believed that present production of tanks of Czech-make will be discontinued in order to permit production in the near future of tanks of Russian design.
- However, the chief of the tank department at the CKD (Ceskomorovska Kolben-Danek) plant is working on the construction of a new type of tank, perhaps as a result of the initiative taken by CKD. The tank is a medium one, weighing about forty tons. The name of the chief of this tank department is not known, but during the war he was very successful in constructing a tank destroyer (Panzerjaeger), for which he received recognition. Nevertheless, production of a new type of tank cannot be expected before 1952.
- Major (Ing.) Sova and Major (Ing.) Kratky, tank specialists in the Military Technical Institute, were discharged after the coup d'etat in February 1948 and were released from the army at the same time. The only specialist who remained at the institute was Col. Grojsl, who is now chief of the section concerned with the development of military vehicles.

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